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MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

SUBJECT: Task Force TDY Assignment--Legal Assistance

25X1A 1. The PP Staff is developing plans for having teams of persons with various skills ready for movement to the field with a minimum of delay. For purposes of arranging their personal affairs, certain of the selected individuals have requested that PP/Support advise them on the availability of [] legal counsel. PP Staff, in turn, requested that we furnish a list of attorneys that it could use for such referral purposes.

25X1A 2. In discussing this general matter with [] PP/Support, I indicated that in lieu of furnishing a list, we would prefer to see these people individually for purposes of our deciding whether their particular circumstances warranted the services of a lawyer. To this she agreed. I also suggested that in my absence, the individuals should be advised to contact []

25X1A 25X1A 3. [] Chief Support/PP has concurred informally in the above indicated arrangements.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Area Divisions

SUBJECT: CIA Task Forces

1. Experience has shown that CIA must develop and have in readiness the capability of swiftly assembling and dispatching to the field a rounded, versatile team of persons with various skills in order to meet and take action effectively in various cold war contingencies that might arise. The PP Staff is presently developing a plan for ensuring that CIA does have such a capability. The purpose of this memorandum is to acquaint the addressees with our general concept, and comment from the addressees will be welcomed.
2. The skills required in such a task force are by no means confined to the Clandestine Services. They must include among others, persons with skill in the fields of Communications, Logistics, Supply, Security, Medical, Administration, and Finance. Our concept does not envisage, except in very exceptional instances, that personnel will be employed by, or retain employment with the Agency solely because of the suitability of an individual for detail with a task force. It is intended instead that a Reserve component will be set up, by which a suitable number of individuals with requisite skills and health, and whose personal situations would permit, will be earmarked for possible task force assignment. The listing of personnel will be constantly changing as people rotate to and from the field. The size of the list will be large enough to permit flexibility, in order to keep sudden dislocation of persons working on other important assignments to a minimum. Detail of an individual to a task force will require the concurrence of his superior who must of course judge the relative priority of the individual's current assignment as against the contingency requirements.
3. It is planned that individuals earmarked for such detail will, with the concurrence of their superiors, be interviewed and queried as to their willingness to serve. If accepted, they will be asked to maintain shots, passports, cover arrangements, etc. on a current basis in order to permit speedy departure for the field.

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4. It must be emphasized that security considerations of the contingency may preclude employment of indigenous labor, and all personnel detailed to the task force will to a considerable extent be called on for straight manual labor. They will, of course, be called on as required, in their particular skill and experience, but a willingness to work at whatever is the job on hand is required.

5. Among the details on which the Staff is presently working are the following:

- a. Protection of individual in their current assignment (slot).
- b. Impact of the nature of the work on personal insurance coverage.
- c. Compensation and insurance coverage for hazardous duty.
- d. Seminars and training programs for maintenance of skills.

6. The PP Staff has been testing this concept in a small way during the past few months. Recently a contingency arose, and it was possible to despatch very quickly a suitable group which had a fairly well-rounded capability in terms of skill and experience. Although the duration of the contingency condition was a short one, valuable experience was gained which indicated that the concept is workable and valuable.

7. As stated in paragraph 1, comments on the above will be welcomed. It is requested that such comments, if any, be submitted by 15 July 1958.



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This office is the focal point for preparing employees for Task Force TDY. We are raising questions concerning personal affairs - i.e., will, power of attorney, insurance, etc. These questions are being raised as guidance toward a capability for 48 hour activation in the event such a requirement is levied on the Agency.

Any advice and guidance you or your office can give would be appreciated.

Our Chief is [redacted] you might prefer to contact him but I will most certainly be glad to discuss this with you.

Our original question, as you will recall, [redacted]

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